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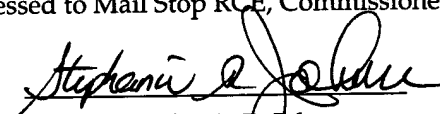
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**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION PURSUANT
TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby request continued examination of this application according to 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 by filing a submission (this Amendment and a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement) and the required fee set forth in § 1.17(e).

Responsive to the Office Action mailed on April 22, 2003, Applicant offers the following amendment and remarks.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.

Conclusions begin on page 16 of this paper.

An attachment including a reference referred to in this response is attached following page 17 of this paper.

Please amend the above-referenced patent application as follows.